

I am opposed to the change in ownership rules that are being proposed for vote on June 2nd. I do believe the free open market can do a good job in creating a more diverse broadcasting however, balance has to be maintained some who. Or as it is usually called a level playing field. By allowing the larger more well financed corporations to purchase a larger percentage of the media market has already proven to be a disaster for local content and quality broadcasting. Diversity has indeed gone by the wayside with the change in recent regulations allowing a company to own more broadcast stations. What makes one think by increasing the ownership percentage this will change this trend.

To try to pretend that the change in 1996 has brought about better broadcasting is truly glossing this issue. Just ask the listeners, I rarely hear anyone say we have better radio now. There is less competition now and more boring radio, little diversity and almost no local content. Less creativity is also evident on the radio. I see this attempt to change the regulations to allow a company to own more broadcast media as a very negative move.